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For: EDGE PROTECTOR		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim16 as follows:

16. (Amended) An edge protector according to claim 13, wherein the durable material is derived from a composite material, such as material derived from a mixture of wood or paper pulp and a rubber material.

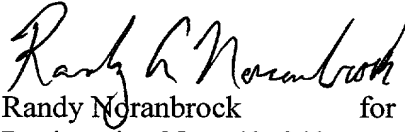
**REMARKS**

The above-referenced application is amended to conform with U.S. Patent practices.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Marked-Up Version Showing Changes".

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## MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES

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14. An edge protector according to Claim 13, wherein the durable material is a plastics material, such as polyvinyl chloride or polyethylene.

5 15. An edge protector according to Claim 13, wherein the durable material is derived from wood, such as hardboard or plasticised cardboard.

10 16. An edge protector according to Claim <sup>13</sup>~~16~~, wherein the durable material is derived from a composite material, such as material derived from a mixture of wood or paper pulp and a rubber material.

17. An edge protector according to Claim 9 further provided with indicia.

15 18. An edge protector according to Claim 9 further comprising a recess into which reinforcement means is insertable.

20 19. A transit package comprising a base portion having located thereon an article to be transported and a plurality of edge protectors as claimed in Claim 1, each edge protector being located at an edge of the article and being retained in place at that edge by retaining means

20. A transit package according to Claim 19, wherein the base portion is a pallet.

21. A transit package according to Claim 19, wherein said retaining means comprises one or more of shrink-wrap, rope, string or straps.